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HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL

SUMMARY FOR 07-07-08 THROUGH 09-07-08

This report documents Andrews International's BID Security Team's activities through week 36 of 2008. There is two months worth of data as there was no Security Committee last month. We have continued our multi-pronged approach to addressing quality of life issues in the BID areas. This includes enforcement, outreach, the pooling of resources with other concerned parties, and the willingness to adapt to changing opportunities and situations. We continue to join forces with every entity and individual that share the common goal of improving this area.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

On 07-17-08, our officers found a 57 year old man sitting on some steps. He seemed lost and confused. He was wearing a hospital gown and holding a blanket. Investigation revealed that he was mentally ill and had been reported missing from the Hollywood Community Hospital. We took him back to the hospital.

On 07-29-08, BID Assistant Security Director Joe Salazar and Sgt. Dennis Pelch went to the LAPD Hollywood Station. They addressed two briefings. They informed the Officers about our duties, hours of operations, etc. This is part of our on-going effort to maximize our impact by joining with all like minded agencies and individuals to address the issues we face in improving the quality of life in the BID areas.

On Friday, 08-08-08, we put together a task force in order to address illegal vending and other issues. We started the shift with a seafood gumbo luncheon as a thank you for our Officers efforts in patrolling the BID areas.

We had a total of twenty Officers working including myself and my management team. We also had a dispatcher on duty. We were joined by three members of the Bureau of Street Enforcement, and two LAPD Officers that joined us in our office. They ran computer checks on suspects and cited out those that were eligible.

Our primary goal was to target illegal vending activities, although we also wanted to address other crimes in both the Hollywood and Sunset BID areas as well.

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We arrested **three illegal CD venders**, and **three illegal hot dog sellers**. We also located 2 vans being used by the hot dog sellers and they were cited. We made an additional **17 arrests for drinking in public, urinating in public, assault, drug possession, and trespass**. After our teams left for the night, the Street Enforcement Team returned to Hollywood and Highland and **arrested three more illegal hot dog venders**.

On Saturday, the Bureau of Street Enforcement returned and we supplied five Officers to assist them. We made an additional eight arrests. **Three were for illegal CD sales, one for illegal water sales, three felony arrests for fraud, and one for drinking in public**.

The arrests for fraud were of particular interest. Two suspects were selling fake money. One bill would have a copy of the front of a one hundred dollar bill while another would have the back of a hundred dollar bill. When the two were put together they looked exactly like a real hundred dollar bill.

The two were placed under arrest and we learned that one was wanted in two different states. She is being extradited for a felony charge. This suspect gave up information on her boss who was the supplier of the fake money. The Street Enforcement Team called the Secret Service and they advised that they had been looking for the main suspect for two years due to counterfeiting charges.

The Secret Service and LAPD responded to our office. They set up surveillance as the suspects car was parked on level P-6 of the Hollywood and Highland Parking Garage. The Officers pulled over the suspect's car as he tried to leave the garage. They were forced to tackle him to the ground as he attempted to escape. More fake money and a Police Sam Browne belt were recovered in his car.

The Secret Service served a search warrant on the main suspect's hotel room and found templates for \$1, 5, 10, 20, and 100 dollar bills on his computer hard drive as well as other evidence. This is an ongoing investigation.

Final arrest total for Friday and Saturday nights.

- 1) 6 illegal CD venders
- 2) 7 illegal hot dog venders
- 3) 3 felony fraud suspects
- 4) 18 arrests for drinking in public, urinating in public, assault, and drug possession.

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On 08-26-08, our Officers recovered a very realistic looking pellet gun from a block wall at 1515 ½ Wilcox. Investigation revealed that it probable belonged to a known drug dealer in the neighborhood. The gun and information were turned over to LAPD.

On 09-04-08, we hosted a meeting in our office. In attendance was LAPD Capt. Grimala, Several Senior Lead Officers, Will Rivera of the City Attorney's Office, Mike Harkins of H+H Security, and my management team and I. We discussed plans for deploying the new LAPD Foot beat Teams that are set to start soon. We plan on a very close working relationship. The Capt. is planning on dedicating four Officers to this. We also discussed plans to address the illegal vending, character, CD Sellers, etc. that cause so many problems in the Hollywood and Highland area.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 07-09-08, Hollywood and Highland Block Party
- 2) 07-10-08, Joint Security Committee Meeting
- 3) 07-10-08, Madame Tussauds press event
- 4) 07-10-08, Hollywood and Highland Retail Meeting
- 5) 07-15-08, SBID Committee Meeting
- 6) 07-16-08, LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 7) 07-17-08, HBID Committee Meeting
- 8) 07-29-08, YIMBY Party Music Box
- 9) 07-30-08, LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 10) 08-11-08, Bohannon Outreach Meeting
- 11) 08-13-08, H+H Evacuation Plan Meeting
- 12) 08-15-08, Illegal Vending Meeting
- 13) 08-19-08, LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 14) 08-19-08, LAPD Captain Grimala
- 15) 08-25-08, Illegal Vending Meeting
- 16) 08-27-08, LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 17) 09-03-08, LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 18) 09-04-08, LAPD Capt. Grimala, SLO's, C/A-Vending Issues
- 19) 09-05-08, Stand Up To Cancer

OUTREACH:

During this period, we continued our Outreach efforts with Torrey Bohannon. As most members of the Security Committee are aware, Torrey has been the cause of numerous complaints and radio calls. He would routinely sleep, urinate, and defecate on the sidewalk in the 6500 block of Hollywood Blvd. He is clearly impaired and in need of intervention.

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Our contacts with him began in November of 2007. We have handled numerous situations with him including finding him naked, covered in feces, lying across the sidewalk, and though usually docile, there were a couple of incidents in which he made death threats. We once found him with a very realistic toy handgun in his pocket. We arrested him on 4 occasions, for trespass twice and for urinating in public and indecent exposure.

During all this time, we made continued efforts to build a positive rapport with Torrey. This included daily contacts. We brought him clothing and food on occasions. We made continued offers of shelter and helped to facilitate the efforts of the various outreach workers that tried to assist Torrey. Although we were forced to arrest him on four occasions, we always attempted to treat him with respect and understanding.

On 02-21-08, Kerry Morrison convinced him to go to PATH for a shower. We took him there. He then agreed to stay in their shelter for one night only. On 06-05-08, we assisted PATH and the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health as Torrey was involuntarily placed in the hospital. This was after Mental Health evaluated him and found him unable to care for his own safety. He was released on 06-12-08 and returned to our streets.

On 07-08-08, I met with Rudy Salinas and Courtney Kanagi of PATH as well as Therasa Brandt of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. We contacted Torrey again. Therasa made an evaluation and determined that Torrey was not able to care for himself and that he would be sent to the hospital involuntarily if necessary. We all returned to my office while she made the necessary arrangements. This would be his second involuntary placement.

The group later returned to Torrey's location along with an ambulance and six BID Officers. A great amount of time and patience was expended in an attempt to convince Torrey to cooperate. He became increasingly agitated and finally advanced on a PATH Counselor while yelling at her. Our Officers were forced to intervene. They secured Torrey with minimal force. He was then transported to the hospital for treatment.

Torrey was later released, returning to our streets on 07-21-08. We continued our contacts with him and were able to get him to agree to a voluntary placement on 07-28-08. He then went into a hospital. He returned to life on the streets on 08-01-08. We felt that progress was made with each contact. On 08-03-08, Torrey said he was tired of

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sleeping on the street. Get Love was contacted and agreed to place him in a room at the Gilbert Hotel while a permanent solution was sought for him. They also administered his medications for him.

Torrey has shown incredible progress since that time. As of 09-07-08, Torrey is keeping himself clean. He is much more sociable and has not returned to sleeping on the sidewalk. A long term solution is still being sought.

On 07-31-08, our Officers approached by the long time homeless Nancy Miller. Like Torrey, we have had countless contacts with Nancy. She would sleep in the hills. She would then come down Highland and either bare her breasts at passing cars or scream obscenities at them. I watched as she went through the trash cans outside of our office and sometimes would drink in public as she passed by. She clearly had substance abuse and other issues and we were forced to arrest her on several occasions. She was usually very hostile towards us, but we continued to offer her help during these many contacts.

Nancy said she was trying to get off of drugs and alcohol and was scared sleeping in the hills. We called Get Love and they were able to place her in a hotel room. They then got her needed medical treatment. We learned that she had a leaking breast implant as well as other issues. They also arranged for substance abuse counseling for Nancy.

Nancy is doing wonderfully so far. She came to our office on a recent Saturday and thanked Assistant Director Joe Salazar saying that our Officers had saved her life. Obviously we do not take credit for this, but are proud of our role in building rapport and helping to facilitate getting people in need to the really dedicated people such as PATH, Get Love, LA Mental Health, etc., that do the heavy lifting in helping people make a permanent change in their lives.

On 08-27-08, we learned that Nancy had been moved into a PATH Shelter where she is awaiting surgery.

On 08-08-08, we arrested a man for trespass at 7080 Hollywood Blvd. We learned that he was homeless and down on his luck. He was cited out for the offence and we then contacted Get Love who were able to place him in a hotel room as a temporary solution.

On 08-14-08, we made contact with the homeless Michael Baker. He wanted help and we contacted Get Love who put him in a hotel room while seeking permanent help for him.

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On 08-20-08, we received a call of a trespasser at 1623 Wilcox. Upon arrival our Officers spoke to John Salvo who was homeless and in need of help. We contacted Get Love and PATH requesting help for him. We actually transported John to Get Love's location. They agreed to put him in a hotel room for the night while PATH would try to access services for him from the Veteran's Administration. PATH also advised that they would pay for a bus ticket so John could re-join his family in San Jose once his affairs are in order.

On 08-27-08, our Officers contacted Donna Hamlet at 6321 Selma. She seemed disorientated. She said that she had a warrant for her arrest and was very frightened. We directed her to the Public Defender's Office so that she could resolve this issue.

We also contacted Edel Valero. He was hungry and needed shelter. We took him to Get Love where he was fed. They had no shelter available. We contacted PATH but they were also unable to place him although they said they would work on his case.

On 08-28-08, our Officers were flagged down by Security at the Starbucks located at 6102 Sunset. They said there was a man refusing to leave. We then contacted 73 year old Joe Touti. He was very dirty and had a foul smell. A customer advised that Joe had Alzheimer's. We contacted PATH and they said they would respond with clean clothing and an offer of services.

On 08-29-08, we contacted 61 year old James Eversman who was panhandling on the freeway on ramp at Van Ness and Harold Way. He said that he makes between \$10.00 and \$20.00 a day. He was hungry and we drove him to the Get Love Feeding Program.

On 9-02-08, we assisted LAPD at Selma and Los Palmas. They were issuing a citation to Bob Banker for lying on the sidewalk. They said they would cite him everyday. This is helpful as these citations will eventually go to warrant. We have an intervention plan for Bob that necessitates him being in custody. At that point the Veteran's Administration can attempt to move him from the jail and into a supervised placement.

On 09-03-08, our Officers spoke to James Cummings who was in Selma Park with his family. He was out of work and looking for help. As he had a valid Guard Card, we gave him our company's business card so that he could seek employment with us.

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On 09-05-08, our Officers contacted Kevin Seery at 1500 Wilcox. He was homeless and needed medical attention as the result of being assaulted. We contacted Get Love and Eileen Getty and Sonny responded. They offered shelter and medical assistance.

Also on 09-05-08, we received a radio call of an elderly man wandering aimlessly in the area of 6345 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival our Officers found Alexander Stez. He was disorientated and did not know where he lived. We contacted LAPD who were able to give us his home address. As he lived only a short distance from the BID, our Officers drove him home. They advised his family to consider an ID bracelet of some kind for Mr. Stez.

ENFORCEMENT:

Attached is the year-to-date statistics for both BIDS. These results reflect the first 36 weeks of 2008.

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 681 arrests. Three hundred and eighty four were for drinking in public, 62 for urinating in public, 67 for misdemeanor drugs, 35 for trespass, 20 for illegal vending, 15 for battery, 16 for blocking the sidewalk, 3 for theft, 10 for vandalism, 31 miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 38 felonies. We also made 1714 homeless referrals, provided extra patrol to 2773 locations, assisted 2625 citizens, handled 950 radio calls for service and made 1641 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 485 arrests. Two hundred and twenty eight were for drinking in public, 61 for urinating in public, 18 for drugs, 16 for trespass, 7 for illegal vending, 4 for battery, 10 for blocking the sidewalk, 9 for theft, 2 for vandalism, 110 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 20 for felonies. We also made 930 homeless referrals, provided extra patrol to 1504 locations, assisted 1563 citizens, handled 469 radio calls for service, and made 955 business contacts.

The combined total's for both BIDS is 1166 arrests. Six hundred and twelve for drinking in public, 123 for urinating in public, 85 for misdemeanor drugs, 51 for trespass, 27 for illegal vending, 19 for battery, 26 for blocking the sidewalk, 12 for theft, 12 for vandalism, 141 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 58 for various felonies. We also made a combined total of 2644 referrals, provided extra patrol to 4277 locations, assisted 4188 citizens, handled 1419 radio calls for service, and made 2596 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

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On 07-17-08, our Officers arrested a suspect for smoking marijuana at 1554 Wilcox. He tried to escape several times and tried to slip out of his handcuffs. We transported him to the LAPD Station where we learned that he had a Felony No Bail Warrant for Attempted Murder from South Dakota. He was accused of slitting his wife's throat with a box cutter.

On 07-22-08, we received a call of a burglary in progress at Citizen Kane. Upon arrival our Officers saw the suspect attempting to gain entry with a sledge hammer. The suspect was an area businessman. He seemed to be under the influence and was highly agitated. He punched a construction worker before we could take him into custody. He was arrested for burglary.

On 07-30-08, we received a call of a robbery at Borders Books at Sunset and Vine. The suspect was seen leaving the area in the company of a blind man. Our Officers later spotted a blind man in the general area. They checked the area and saw a man matching the suspect's description. We notified LAPD and followed the suspect for several blocks. Our Officers watched as he started changing his clothing.

LAPD Detectives and Officers arrived and arrested the suspect. They also recovered the clothing that the suspect had attempted to hide beside a tree.

On 08-07-08, we received a call from security at 6801 Hollywood Blvd. They spotted a suspect that had assaulted an LAPD Officer the day before. We set up surveillance on the suspect and called LAPD. They responded and went to arrest the suspect. He spotted the Officers and ran eastbound. Two of our Officers were waiting in the area and were able to arrest the suspect.

08-07-08 a man who portrays the character 'Barney' (the purple dinosaur) in front of the Grauman's Chinese Theater, came into our office. He said that he was assaulted by a CD seller. He was threatened and then punched several times. We assisted him in making a private person's arrest of the suspect for assault.

On 08-15-08, we arrested a suspect for illegal possession of a shopping cart at 1600 Gordon. We then learned that he had an outstanding warrant for \$145,000.00 for failure to register as a sex offender.

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On 09-04-08, we assisted LAPD SLO Officer Furmanski in the arrest of Walfre Felicito Villatoro-Herrera for 350 (a) (1) PC at 6801 Hollywood Blvd. He was selling illegal copied Star Maps. The charge is Counterfeit of registered trademark.

The following are a sample of arrests that we made during this reporting period.

- 1) 07-07-08, 1654 McCadden, Possession of marijuana, registered sex Offender from Texas.
- 2) 07-07-08, 6300 Sunset Blvd. (Bank of America), Forgery-felony.
- 3) 07-10-08, 6371 Selma, Assault on BID Officer.
- 4) 07-10-08, 1300 Bronson, Illegal ice cream vending.
- 5) 07-17-08, 1554 Wilcox, Possession of Marijuana, Felony warrant-Attempt Murder.
- 6) 07-20-08, 6407 Sunset Blvd., Drinking in public, On Parole with extensive RAP Sheet.
- 7) 07-20-08, 1770 Highland, Drinking, Extensive arrest record, 2 Strikes.
- 8) 07-20-08, 6801 Highland, Drinking, Extensive arrest record, 2 Strikes.
- 9) 07-22-08, Citizen Kane, Burglary.
- 10) 07-28-08, 6300 Hollywood Blvd., Blocking the sidewalk, No Bail Felony Warrant, Extradited to Georgia.
- 11) 07-29-08, 1475 Bronson, Illegal Vending.
- 12) 07-30-08, Sunset and Vine, Robbery.
- 13) 07-31-08, Selma Park, Suspect masturbating. Taken to hospital for evaluation.
- 14) 08-01-08, 6060 Sunset Blvd., Drinking in public, Active Parole, just out of Prison.
- 15) 08-04-08, 6200 Hollywood Blvd., Drinking in Public, \$27,000.00 warrant.
- 16) 08-04-08, 1651 Cahuenga, Juvenile Felony Possession of Marijuana.
- 17) 08-04-08, 1400 Cole, Drinking in Public, 41 Page RAP Sheet.
- 18) 08-05-08, 5910 Sunset Blvd., Vandalism, Assault.
- 19) 08-06-08, 6801 Hollywood Blvd., Illegal Vending.
- 20) 08-06-08, 6801 Hollywood Blvd., Assault on Police Officer.
- 21) 08-07-08, Chinese Theater, CD Vender assaulted 'Barney'.
- 22) 08-11-08, 6740 Hollywood Blvd., Illegal vending.
- 23) 08-11-08, 6300 Sunset, Bank of America, Forgery.
- 24) 08-15-08, 7046 Hollywood Blvd., Illegal Vending.
- 25) 08-15-08, 1600 Gordon, Illegal possession shopping cart, Felony Warrant, \$145,000.00, Failure to register as sex offender.

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- 26) 08-20-08, 7040 Hollywood Blvd., Drinking in Public and No Bail Felony Warrant, Parolee at Large.
- 27) 08-22-08, 1431 Vine, Burglary.
- 28) 08-25-08, 7040 Hollywood Blvd., Robbery.
- 29) 08-26-08, Roosevelt Hotel, Assault-employee.
- 30) 08-27-08, Selma and Cahuenga, Robbery
- 31) 08-31-08, 6701 Hollywood Blvd., Assault on Officers (coffee).
- 32) 08-31-08, 1601 N. Cahuenga, Felony assault Unregistered Sex Offender.
- 33) 09-02-08, 6300 Hollywood Blvd., 2 suspects arrested for felony possession of hash and hash oil.
- 34) 09-02-08, 6801 Hollywood Blvd., Illegal map sales, Copyright infringement.
- 35) 09-04-08, 6407 Hollywood Blvd., 2 suspects for felony possession of heroin.

DEPLOYMENT:

Our basic deployment in both BIDS has been to cover 6:00 A.M. until 8:30 P.M. on Monday through Saturday. On Sunday we cover from 10:00 A.M. until 6:30 P.M.

We vary our hours on occasion so that we can address particular problems that might arise such as illegal vending or other crimes occurring after our usual end of watch time.

TRAINING UPDATE:

During this period, our Officers went to the company shooting range for live fire training. They also received training in Workplace Violence, Emergency Preparedness/Explosives, Terrorism, and Report Writing. We also had in house legal update training. We also met with representatives of the City Attorney's Office in order to ensure that our reports are of superior quality. All were tested after class and the results entered into our company's data base. Regulatory Agencies have access to this information in order to ensure that our training is current and up to date.

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